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(54) N-DISUBSTITUTED DERIVATIVES OF α-AMINO ACIDS

(71) We, SOGESPAR S. A., Bd. de Pérolles 26, 1700 Fribourg, Switzerland, a Swiss Body Corporate, do hereby d'eclare the invention for which we pray that a patent may be granted to us and the method by which it is to be performed to be particularly described in and by the following statement:—

This invention relates to compositions of matter classified in organic chemistry as N-disubstituted- α -amino acids, and to processes for making and using such compositions.

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There are already known several processes for preparing N - disubstituted - α - amino acids. Some of these derivatives which have interesting biological properties have on the

amino group substituted phenyl or substituted benzoyl groups but not both, as the presence of both was thought to sterically hinder the molecule. The discovery of the syntheses of the present invention has led to the preparation of novel compounds having unexpected activity.

One aspect of the invention resides in the concept of a chemical compound having a molecular structure in which there is attached to the nitrogen atom of an α -amino acid both a phenyl and a benzoyl radical.

Another aspect of the invention comprises compounds defined by the following formula:

wherein R₁ is hydrogen, alkyl, aryl, alkylaryl arylalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, cycloalkyl or heterocyclic, or a carboxylic group, or a salified or esterified carboxylic group.

R₂ is OH, O-alkyl, O-aryl, O-alkylaryl, O-cycloalkyl, heterocyclic, dialkylamino, O-aralkyl, amino, or OM where M is an alkali metal or an alkaline earth metal.

X and Y can be the same or different,

and are H, OH, OR₁, alkyl, halogen, amino, nitro, sulfonic or sulfonamido, the -l and -d isomeric forms and racemic mixtures thereof.

Further preferred among the above mentioned substituents are the following:

 $R_1 = -H, -CH_3, -C_2H_3, C_3H_5 -CH_2 -, -CH_2 -CH_2OH, X and Y = -H, -OH, -OCH_3, -CI,$

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-F, -Br, -NO₂, -NH₂, -CH₃, -C₂H₅, R₂ = -OH, -ONa, -OK, OCH₃, -OC₂H₅, -Obutyl, -Ohexyl, morpholyl, amino, dimethylamino, diethylamino.

Several syntheses are available for the preparation of the present compounds.

These can be summarized as follows:

The compounds can be prepared by reacting a compound of the formula:

where B is

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by for example benzoylation and where B is

by introducing the radical

where R₁, R₂, X and Y are as above defined and also from a compound of the formula:

by saponification arnd decarboxylation where

where R is alkyl such as C_2H_5 25 by saponification where A is

by degradation where A is

with Z representing a halogen, quarternary ammonium, aryl or alkylsulfone —SO₂—R, sulfonic group or nitro; and by oxidative or thermic degradation where A is

or
$$\begin{array}{c} R_1 \\ -C = C - P, \\ H & OR_3 \end{array}$$
 or
$$\begin{array}{c} R_1 \\ -CH - C - P \\ 0 \end{array}$$
 or
$$\begin{array}{c} R_1 \\ -CH - C - P \\ 0 \end{array}$$

P being COOR, CONH₂, CON₃ or CN, R₃ 40 being H or alkyl, and R is H or alkyl.

In the above, benzoylation can be effected by reacting the chlorides, the anhydrides, the mixed anhydrides or the methyl or ethyl esters of the required benzoic acid with the required N-phenyl derivative of an α -amino acid (glycine, alanine, phenylalanine), or with their ethyl or methyl esters.

Similarly benzoylation can take place by reaction with the required free benzoic acid with derivatives of the required N-phenylamino acids, or of their esters, in the presence of a catalyst (for example BF₃' or p-toluene-sulfonic acid).

The synthesis can also take place by means of the substitution of the required N-phenyl-N-(amino-benzoyl) amino acids or their esters into the required N - phenyl - N - benzoyl α -amino acids or their esters.

Similarly the synthesis can take place by the reaction of the required substituted or unsubstituted N-benzoyl anilines with haloacetic acid methyl or ethyl esters or of similar halopropionic esters in the presence of alkali agents such as sodium, potassium, powdered lithium, C_1 to C_4 alcoholates of the same elements as well as their hydrides and amides in an aromatic or aliphatic hydrocarbon.

Similarly the present compounds can be prepared by the O-alkylation of N-(p-oxyphenyl)-

p-chlorobenzamides in alkali medium by means of monomethyl and monoethyl sulphuric acids, dimethyl and diethyl sulphuric acids, methyl and ethyl p-toluene sulfonates, methyl or ethyl halides, diazomethane or diazoethane.

It is thus possible to synthesize the present compounds as follows:

1. Benzoylation of N-(p-alkoxyphenyl) 20 glycines and alanines or of their esters, for example:—

$$R - O \longrightarrow N - CH - CO - R_2$$

$$C = O$$

R is as above H or alkyl such as CH_3 or C_2H_5

 R_1 is H; CH_3 R_2 is OH; ONa; OCH_3 ; OC_2H_3 These also apply in paragraphs 2—4 immediately below.

2. Conversion of *p*-aminobenzamides into 30 *p*-chlorobenzamides.

$$R = 0 \longrightarrow N - CH - CO - R_2 \longrightarrow R - 0 \longrightarrow N - CH - CO - R_2$$

$$C = 0$$

$$N + CH - CO - R_2 \longrightarrow R - 0$$

$$C = 0$$

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3. Conversion of (p-alkoxyphenyl) p-chloro-benzamides.

$$R-O- \longrightarrow -NH-C \longrightarrow C1 \longrightarrow R-O- \longrightarrow -N-CH-CO-R_2$$

$$C= O$$

$$C1$$

4. O - alkylation of substituted N - (p-hydroxyphenyl) N - p - chlorobenzamides.

$$H-O \stackrel{R_1}{\longleftrightarrow} N-CH-COR_2 \longrightarrow R-O- \bigcirc -N-CH-CO-R_2$$

$$C=O$$

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5. Saponification and decarboxylation of N - (p - alkoxyphenyl) - N - p - (chlorobenzoyl) amino malonic acid and esters.

6. Oxydative or thermic degradation of lactic and pyruvic acid derivatives by heating or by oxidation with hydrogen peroxide, lead tetra-acetate or dilute sulfuric acid.

5 This reaction may be applied to the following structures:

$$\begin{array}{c} X \\ Y \\ C = 0 \\ X \\ Y \\ C = 0 \\ \\ R_1 \\ - C0 - C0 \, NH_2 \\ - C0 - C0 \, N_3 \\ - C0 - CN \\ - CHOH - CO_2 \, R \\ - CHOH - CONH_2 \\ - CHOH - CONH_2 \\ - CHOH - CONM_3 \\ - CH$$

7. Degradation of methylketones:

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This applies to the following structures:

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Z is a halogen

" a quaternary ammonium " an aryl or alkyl sulfone —SO₂—R

" sulfuric or nitro group

8. Saponification of acetonitriles:

9. Degradation of

$$CH_3 - O - \bigcirc CH_3 \qquad Na OH$$

$$CH_3 - O - \bigcirc CH_2 - CO_2Et \longrightarrow CH_3 - O - \bigcirc -N - CH_2 - CO_2H$$

$$C = O$$

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Generally, benzoylation of N-(p-alkoxyphenyl) glycines and alanines is carried out by dissolving them in an aqueous solution of sodium hydroxide and adding to the mixture the required benzoic acid chloride and acidifying to obtain the corresponding benzamide which is filtered, washed, dried, and dissolved in ether before recrystallization in absolute ethanol.

10 The benzoylation can also take place in toluene with the formation of the a-amino acid chlorhydrate which is separated from the benzamide and recrystallized in tolucne or in a toluene-benzine mixture.

The N-alkylation of (p-alkoxyphenyl) p-15 chlorobenzamides is carried out by adding these compounds to a solution of sodium ethylate in toluene followed by refluxing the mixture, distilling at ordinary pressure to eliminate the alcohol freed by the reaction. The insoluble sodium derivative is then alkylated with the desired haloalkyl ester and the residue of this alkylation is recrystallized in benzene-toluene.

The best mode contemplated for carrying out the invention will now be set forth as follows: -

A. Benzoylation of N-(p-alkoxyphenyl)-GLYCINES AND ALANINES OR OF THEIR ESTERS EXAMPLE 1.

123.2 gr. of p-anisidine, 108 gr. of water, 123 gr. of anhydrous sodium acetate are mixed and heated with stirring at 50°C. There is added portionwise in ½ hour 94.5 gr. of chloracetic acid and the mixture is kept for one hour at 95-98°C. The reaction mass is dissolved in 1680 gr. of 5% sodium hydroxide then 30 gr. of unreacted p-anisidine are extracted with ether. From the basic solution acidified with 600 gr. of 25% HCl there is extracted with ether 30 gr. of N - (p - methoxyphenyl) - imino - diacetic acid melting at 122-3°C.

After treating with concentrated 35% NaOH to a pH of 3.5, 60 gr. of N - (p - methoxyphenyl)-glycine crystallized having a melting point of 142-3°C.

181.2 gr. of the above compound have dissolved in 600 gr. of water together with 1200 gr. of 10% NaOH. There is added at 20° 192.5 gr. of p-chlorobenzoic chloride over a half hour period and the mixture is stirred for 3 hours. After acidifying to a pH of 2 there is obtained 318.5 gr. of p-chlorobenzamide which is insoluble in water. The product is filtered, washed and dried. It is then mixed in ether and recrystallized in absolute ethanol. There is obtained then 196 gr. of N - (p - methoxyphenyl) - N - (p - chlorobenzovl)-glycine melting at 191-2°C.

-Empirical formula: $C_{16}H_{14}CINO_{1}$; MW 319. 75 Calculated %: C: 60.10% H: 4.41% Found %: C: 59.85% H: 4.38%CI: 11.09% N: 4.38% N: 4.45% Cl: 10.94%

Example 2.

In the same manner was prepared 70 gr. of N - (p - ethoxyphenyl) - glycine melting at138-140° starting with 137.2 g of pphenetidine. The benzoylation of 195.2 g of N - (p - ethoxyphenyl) - glycine with 192.5 70 g of p - chlorobenzoic acid chloride under the

previously described condition gave 350 g of the corresponding p - chlorobenzamide. By suspending in ether then recrystallizing in toluene there is obtained 244 g of N-(pethoxyphenyl) - N - (p - chlorobenzoyl)glycine melting at 156-8°C.

Empirical formula: $C_{17}H_{16}CINO_4$ MW 333.78 Calculated %: C: 61.17 H: 4.83 CI: Cl: 10.62 N: 4.20 N: 4.26 C: 61.26 H: 4.69 C1: 10.43 Found %:

EXAMPLE 3.

123.2 g of p-anisidine, 108 g of water, 123 g of anhydrous sodium acetate are heated with stirring at 50°C. In a ½ hour were introduced 108 g of a-chloropropionic acid. The mixture was heated at 95-8° for an hour then the reaction mass was dissolved in 1680 g of 5% NaOH. 30 g of unreacted p-anisidine were extracted with ether. The solution was acidified with 600 g of 25% HCl. The extrac-

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tion was repeated with ether and then there was precipitated at a pH of 3.5 with 35% concentrated NaOH 130 g of N - (p - methoxyphenyl alanine melting at 176-8°C.

195.2 g of the above compound were heated with stirring in 2 litres of toluene at 75-80°C. In a $\frac{1}{2}$ hour there was introduced 87.5 g of p-chlorobenzoic acid chloride diluted with 100 ml of toluene. The reaction was allowed to proceed for 7 hours at 80°C. There formed an abundant precipitate which was filtered and 100 dried. the chlorhydrate of N - (p - methoxyphenyl) - alanine was mixed with 730 g of

5% HCl. The insoluble p - chlorobenzamide was filtered, washed, and dried. It was recrystallized in toluene.

There was thus obtained 114 g of N- (pmethoxyphenyl) - N - (p - chlorobenzoyl)-alanine, melting at 154—6°.

Empirical formula: C₁₇H₁₆ClNO₄ MW 333.78

Calculated %: C: 61.17 **H**: 4.83 CI: 10.62 N: 4.20 Found %: C: 61.01 **H**: 4.75 Cl: 10.58 N: 4.31

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EXAMPLE 4.

Under the same conditions 137.2 g of pphenetidine gave 140 g of N - (p - ethoxyphenyl)-alanine melting at 178—180°C.

209.2 g of N - (p - ethoxyphenyl) - alanine are benzoylated in toluene at 75-80° with 87.5 g p-chlorobenzoic acid chloride. Only the chlorhydrate of the secondary amine crystallizes. It is filtered and then the p-chlorobenzamide is extracted with 800 g of 5%

NaOH. There forms an emulsion which is 20 broken with ether. The basic solution is neutralized to pH 3.5 with concentrated HCl at 25% to precipitate 145 g of the corresponding unpurified p-chlorobenzamide. The product is crystallized in a mixture of toluenebenzine at 50%. There is obtained 118 g of N - p - ethoxyphenyl) - N - (p - chlorobenzoyl) - alanine melting at 123—5°C.

Empirical formula: $C_{18}H_{18}ClNO_4$ M=347.80

Calculated %: C: 62.17 H: 5.22 Cl: 10.20 N: 4.03 Found %: C: 62.08 H: 5.18 Cl: 10.02 N: 4.09

EXAMPLE 5.

123.2 g of p-anisidine, 82 g of anhydrous sodium acetate, 54 g of water, 100 ml of ethanol are heated with stirring at 50°C. There is slowly introduced in 1½ hours 122.6 g of ethyl chloracetate and the mixture is refluxed for 5 hours. The reaction mass is dissolved in 1460 g of 5% HCl and the iminodiacetic derivative is extracted with ether then neutralized at a pH of 6.6 with 35% NaOH

in the presence of ether. The ethereal solution is decanted and distilled to dryness under vacuum. The crystalline residue weighs 180 g. The residue is distilled under vacuum of 1

mm Hg. There is obtained 10 g of anisidine $E_1 = 90^{\circ}$ none transformed, then 150 g $E_1 =$ 155° of N - (p - methoxyphenyl) - glycine ethyl ester melting at $54-56^{\circ}$.

209.2 g of N - (p - methoxyphenyl) - glycine ethyl ester, 87 g of pyridine, 1250 ml of toluene are mixed at 15°. There is introduced between 15—20° in $\frac{3}{4}$ of an hour with stirring

a mixture of 178.5 g of p - chlorobenzoic acid chloride and 250 ml of toluene. The p - chlorobenzamide of the glycine ester is recrystallized in benzine containing 10% of toluene. There is thus obtained 307 g of N - (pmethoxyphenyl) - N - (p - chlorobenzoyl)glycine ethyl ester melting at 67-68°.

209.2 g of N - (p - methoxyphenyl) - glycine ethylester, 295.1 g of p - chlorobenzoic acid anhydride, and 2 litres of toluene are refluxed for 4 hours with stirring. After cooling, the crystallized p - chlorobenzoic acid is filtered and then the solution is successively extracted with 5% sodium carbonate, then 5% HCl. After concentration under vacuum of the toluene, there is obtained 320 g of N-(pmethoxyphenyl) - N - (p - chlorobenzoyl)glycine ethyl ester which are recrystallized in benzine containing 10% of toluene melting at 67-68°.

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Empirical formula: $C_{18}H_{18}CINO_4$ M=347.80 Calculated %: C: 62.17 H: 5.22 Cl. Found %: C: 61.98 H: 5.12 Cl. Cl: 10.20

N: 4.03 CI: 10.11 N: 4.15

Example 6.

ethoxyphenyl)-glycine ethylester with 178.5 g ing at 85-87°.

Under the same conditions 137.2 g of p- of p-chlorobenzoic acide chloride in the phenetidine yield 160 g of N - (p - ethoxyphenyl) - glycine ethylester melting at obtained 320 g of N - (p - ethoxyphenyl) - N-42-3°C. By benzoylating 223.3 g of N-(p- (p - chlorobenzoyl) - glycine ethyl ester melt-

Empirical formula: $C_{19}H_{20}CINO_4$ M=361.80 Calculated %: C: 63.08 H: 5.57 Cl: Found %; C: 62.97 H: 5.48 Cl: Cl: 9.80 N: 3.87 H: 5.48 C1: 9.69 N: 3.91

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EXAMPLE 7.

In the same manner 123.2 g of p-anisidine, 82 g of anhydrous sodium acetate, 54 g of water, 100 ml of ethanol are heated with stirring at 50°. There is introduced in 1½ hours 136.6 g of α-ethyl chloropropionate with reflux for 5 hours. After dissolving the mass in 1460 g of 5%, HCl the impurities are extracted with ether. Neutralization to pH of 6.6 is carried out in the presence of ether and there is obtained after concentration 170 g of crystalline residue. Distillation is carried out under vacuum at 1 mm of mercury and there is obtained at 90° 46.7 g of unreacted p-anisidine, then 114.6 g of N - (p - methoxy-

phenyl) - alanine ethyl ester at $131-3^{\circ}$ C. 223.3 g of the above product, 87 g of pyridine, 1250 ml of toluene are mixed at 15° . There is introduced at between $15-20^{\circ}$ in $\frac{3}{4}$ of an hour with stirring a mixture of 178.5 g of p-chlorobenzoic acide chloride and 250 ml of toluene. Stirring is continued for 3 hours at 20° . The pyridine chlorhydrate is filtered and the toluene is concentrated under vacuum. There is obtained 350 g of N-(p-methoxyphenyl) - N - (p - chlorobenzoyl)-alanine ethyl ester which is distilled under vacuum at 1 mm of mercury E_1 =205-8°.

Empirical formula: C₁₉H₂₀CINO₄ M=361.80 Calculated %: C: 63.08 H: 5.57 Cl: 9.80 N: 3.87 Found %: C: 63.11 H: 5.54 Cl: 9.71 N: 3.85

EXAMPLE 8.

Under the same conditions, 137.2 g of p-phenetidine yield 120 g of N - (p - ethoxyphenyl)-alanine ethylester $E_1 = 152 - 3^\circ$, melting at 34-35°C.

By benzoylating 237.3 g of N - (p - ethoxy-

phenyl)-alanine ethyl ester with 178.5 g of p-chlorobenzoic acide chloride in the presence of pyridine in toluene there is obtained 224 g of N - (p - ethoxyphenyl) - N - (p - chlorobenzoyl)-alanine ethyl ester E_1 =218—220°.

Empirical formula: $C_{2^{\circ}}H_{2^{\circ}}CINO_{3}$ MW 375.83 Calculated % : C: 63.92% H: 5.90 Cl: 9.41 N: 3.73 Found % : C: 63.81 H: 5.82 Cl: 9.50 N: 3.81

EXAMPLE 9.

347 g of N - (p - methoxyphenyl) - N(p - chlorobenzoyl) - glycine ethyl ester are
refluxed with a mixture of 60 g of NaOH,
50 60 g of water and 480 g of ethanol for 20
minutes. At the end of the saponification, there
is added 600 g of water to dissolve the sodium

salt precipitate. There is filtered a light precipitate and acidification is carried out at pH 3.5 with 10% HCl. There is thus obtained 304 g of N - (p - methoxyphenyl) - N - (p-chlorobenzoyl) - glycine which is recrystallized in ethanol and melts at 191—2°C.

Empirical formula: $C_{16}H_{14}CINO_4$ MW=319.75 Calculated %: C: 60.10 H: 4.41 Cl: 11.09 N: 4.38 Found %: C: 59.85 H: 4.38 Cl: 10.94 N: 4.45

In the same manner it is possible to transform the above described products of examples 6, 7 and 8 to the products described in the examples 2, 3 and 4.

B. Conversion of N-p-aminobenzamides into N-p-chilorobenzamides. Example 10.

108.7 g of N - (p - methoxyphenyl) glycine of and 750 ml of toluene are heated to 75—80°. There is introduced 55.7 g of p-nitrobenzoic acid chloride dissolved in 150 ml of toluene over ½ hour with stirring and the mixture is kept for 2 hours at 80°. After crystallization, the mixture is filtered and the precipitate is dried. It is mixed in 440 g of 2.5% HCl and the corresponding insoluble p-nitrobenzamide is recovered by filtration. There is obtained 97.8 g of N - (p - methoxyphenyl)-N - (p - nitrobenzyl) glycine melting at 80 161.2°.

Empirical formula: $C_{16}H_{14}N_{2}O_{5}$ MW 330.28 Calculated %: C: 58.19% H: 4.27 N: 8.48Found %: C: 58.02 H: 4.21 N: 8.42 33 g of the above product are dissolved in 350 ml of methanol. There is added 1 g of palladium on activated charcoal 10%, then hydrogenation is carried out at room temperature under pressure of 1.2 atmospheres. The catalyst is filtered and the mixture is con-

centrated to dryness under vacuum. The residue is recrystallized in absolute ethanol. There is thus obtained 24 g of N - (p - methoxyphenyl) - N - (p - aminobenzoyl) glycine melting at 173—4°.

Empirical formula: $C_{16}H_{16}N_2O_4$ MW = 300.27

Calculated % : C: 64.00 H: 5.37 N: 9.33 : C: 64.11 H: 5.28

30 g of the above product are dissolved in 65 ml of 6 N HCl. Diazotization at 0° is carried out with 7.3 g of sodium nitrite in solution in 25 ml of water. 12.4 g of freshly prepared cuprous chloride are dissolved in

100 ml of 25% HCl at 30°. There is slowly introduced with stirring a solution of diazonium salt in that of the cuprous chloride and the reaction is allowed to proceed

for 1 hour at 30°. The precipitate is filtered, washed and dried and recrystallized in ethanol. There is thus obtained 15 g of N - (p - methoxyphenyl) - N - (p - chlorobenzoyl) glycine melting at 191—2°.

In the same manner was prepared: N - (p - ethoxyphenyl) - N - (p - nitrobenzoyl) 30 glycine melting at 181-2°.

Empirical formula: C₁₇H₁₆N₂O₆ MW 344.31

Calculated % : C: 59.30 Found % : C: 59.21 H: 4.68 N: 8.14 H: 4.62 N: 8.08

There was also prepared: 35

N - (p - methoxyphenyl) - N - (p - nitrobenzoyl) alanine melting at 130-2°.

40 There was also prepared:

N - (p - ethoxyphenyl) - N - (p - nitrobenzoyl) alanine melting at 90-91°.

N: 7.82

45 By reduction with 10% palladium on charcoal in methanol there is obtained: N - (p - ethoxyphenyl) - N - (p - aminobenzoyl) glycine melting at 166—7°.

N: 8.84

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N - (p - methoxyphenyl) - N - (p - aminobenzoyl) alanine melting at 198—9°.

Empirical formula: C₁₇H₁₈N₂O₄ MW 314.30

Calculated % : C: 64.97 Found % : C: 64.92 H: 5.77 N: 8.91 H: 5.72 N: 8.90

55 There is also prepared:

N - (p - ethoxyphenyl) - N - (p - aminobenzoyl) alanine melting 177-8°C.

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Empirical formula: $C_{18}H_{29}N_2O_4$ MW = 328.32

N: 8.53 : C: 65.85 Calculated % H: 6.14 : C: 65.86 N: 8.56 Found % H: 6.11

C. N-BENZOYLATION OF (p-ALKOXYPHENYL)p - CHILOROBENZAMIDES.

EXAMPLE 11.

123.2 g of p-anisidine, 87 g of pyridine, 1000 ml of chloroform are treated at 15° with 175 g of p-chlorobenzoic acid chloride 10 dissolved in 500 ml of chloroform. After several hours, there is filtered 244.6 g of N-(p - chlorobenzoyl) - p - anisidine which isrecrystallized in toluene and melting at 205---6°C.

In 300 ml of dry toluene there is formed 13.6 g of sodium ethylate from 4.6 g of sodium and 9.5 g of absolute ethanol. There is added 52.2 g of N - (p - chlorobenzoyl) - p - anisidine and 50 ml of toluene, then the mixture is refluxed for $\frac{1}{2}$ hour. There is distilled 100 ml of toluene under ordinary pressure to eliminate the ethanol freed by the reaction. The insoluble sodium derivative is treated with 25.7 g of ethyl chloracetate, then the residue (62 g) is recrystallized in benzine containing 10% of toluene. There is thus obtained N - (p - methoxyphenyl) - N - (pchlorobenzoyl) glycine ethyl ester melting at 67-8° and resembles the product of example 30 No. 5.

EXAMPLE 12.

In the same fashion 137.2 g of p-phenetidine and 175 g of p-chlorobenzoic acid chloride yield 202 g of (p-chlorobenzoyl)-pphenetidine which are recrystallized in absolute ethanol and melt at 188-9°C. By alkylation with chloracetic ester or α-chloropropionic there can be obtained the products described in examples 2, 3 and 4.

D. O-ALKYLATION OF N-(p-HYDROXY-PHENYL) BENZAMIDES.

EXAMPLE 13.

109 g of p-aminophenol are heated at 75° in 350 ml of ethanol. There is introduced 61.3 g of ethyl chloracetate and the mixture is refluxed for 3 hours. After cooling, the p-aminophenol chlorhydrate is filtered and the solution is concentrated to dryness under vacuum. The residue is dissolved in 1460 g of 5% HCl. The impurities are extracted with ether and the solution is neutralized to a pH of 5.5 with 35% concentrated NaOH in the presence of ether. After distillation there is obtained 86.1 g of crystalline residue. Recrystallization is carried out in 750 ml of toluene to obtain 76 g of N-(p - hydroxyphenyl) - glycine ethyl ester melting at 74-5°.

39 g of N - (p - hydroxyphenyl) glycine ethyl ester and 200 ml of toluene are heated at 80°. There is introduced 17.5 g of pchlorobenzoic acid chloride dissolved in 50 ml of toluene and the mixture is heated for an hour. After cooling, the reaction mixtured is filtered. The dry precipitate is mixed with 73 g of 5% HCl in 100 ml of water. The precipitate is filtered and dried. By recrystallizing in toluene there is obtained 29.5 g N - (phvdroxyphenyl) - N - (p - chlorobenzoyl) glycine ethyl ester melting at 148-150°.

Empirical formula: C₁₇H₂₅CINO₄ MW 333.78

Calculated % : C: 61.17% H: 4.83 CI: 10.62 N: 4.20 Found % H: 4.79 C1: 10.51 N: 4.26 : C: 61.06

EXAMPLE 14.

In the same manner, 109 g of p - aminophenol are treated in 350 ml of ethanol with 75.1 g of Ethyl a-chloropropionate with reflux of 6 hours. There is obtained 74.5 g of N-(p-hydroxyphenyl) alanine ethylester melting at 80—1°. 41.8 g of this product are ben-20 zoylated with 17.5 g of p-chlorobenzoic acid

chloride in toluene at 80° for 6 hours. The chlorhydrate is filtered and the toluene solution is concentrated to dryness to recover 23.2 g of N - (p - hydroxyphenyl) - N - (p - hydroxyphenyl)chlorobenzoyl) alanine ethylester melting at 106—7°.

Empirical formula: C₁₈H₁₉CINO₄ MW 347.80

Calculated % : C: 62.17 H: 5.22 CI: 10.20 N: 4.03 Found % : C: 61.99 H: 5.18 CI: 10.08 N: 4.01

Example 15.

chlorobenzoyl) glycine ethylester, 264 g of tion, the pH falls to 6. There is added then NaOH at 5% are mixed at 20°C. There is added with stirring over ½ hour 41.6 g. of is heated for ½ hour to 60—65°C. until dis-

33.4 g of N - (p - hydroxyphenyl) - N - (p - methyl sulphate. After several hours of reac-

appearance of the precipitate. The mixture is treated with charcoal, filtered and neutralized with 25% HCl to pH 2. There is thus 24.1 g of N - (p - methoxyphenyl) - N - (p - chlorobenzoyl) glycine which is recrystallized in absolute ethanol to a melting point of 191-2°C. The product being identical to that obtained by example No. 1.

The p-ethoxy derivatives are obtained by 10 alkylation with ethyl sulphate.

E. SAPONIFICATION AND DECARBOXYLATION OF N - (p - ALKOXYPHENYL) - N - (p - CHLORO-BENZOYL) - AMINO - MALONIC ESTERS OR

EXAMPLE 16.

246.3 g of p-anisidine in 500 ml of toluene are heated at 60°C. There is introduced with stirring ove 3/4 of an hour 241.5 g of ethyl α -bromomalonate and the temperature is 20 allowed to rise to 75°C. It is maintained at 80°C for 2½ hours. The bromohydrate of p-anisidine is removed in the cold. The mixture is extracted with an aqueous 5% HCl solution which is then neutralized and concentrated to dryness under vacuum. There is obtained 287.6 g of intermediate product melting at 58-59°C after recrystallization in toluene-benzine.

281.3 g of the above compound are ben-30 zoylated in 600 ml of toluene at 75°C with 88.4 g of p-chlorobenzoic acid chloride dissolved in 100 ml of toluene. After filtering the chlorohydrate of the secondary amine extraction is carried out with an aqueous 5% 35 solution HCl which is neutralized and concentrated under vacuum to dryness. The residue constituted by 220 g of N - (p - methoxy-phenyl) - N - (p - chlorobenzoyl) - aminoethyl malonate does not crystallize. It is dis-40 solved in 360 ml of ethanol then treated slowly with stirring and cooling to 15-18° for 20 minutes with 480 g of an aqueous 10% solution of NaOH. The solution is then rapidly heated to 65° kept for 20 minutes at this 45 temperature then cooled to 20°. With stirring 1 litre of water is added.

180.3 g of N - (p - methoxyphenyl) - N-(p - chlorobenzoyl) - amino - ethyl - monomalonate and sodium crystallize and melt with decomposition at 235-240°C.

41.4 g of the sodium salt of the mono ester and 400 g of a 2.5% aqueous NaOH solution are heated at 98°C for 1 hour with stirring. The solution is cooled to 20° neutralized and 55 acidified with 56.6 g of 25% concentrated HCl. The benzoylated amino-malonic acid separates in the form of an oil. The reaction mixture is heated for 1 hour under reflux with strong stirring. Decarboxylation begins around 60°C. After 4 of an hour N - (p-methoxyphenyl) - N - (p - chlorobenzoyl) glycine crystallizes. The mixture is cooled, the pH is brought to 3.5 then 25.6 g of product melting at 190—1°C is filtered.

Recrystallization in 80 ml of absolute ethanol gives 21.6 g of a product melting at 191-192°C of a product having an excellent quality which can be checked by thin layer chromatography.

F. SAPONIFICATION OF N-(p-ALKOXYPHENYL)-N - (p - CHLOROBENZOYL) - AMINO - ACETO-NITRILE.

EXAMPLE 17.

There is formed a solution of 399.2 g of sodium bisulphite in 650 ml of water with agitation. At cooling there is introduced at 15—20°C, 343.2 g of an aqueous solution of formol at 35%. The mixture is then heated for a 4 hour to 35°C. The temperature is brought to 45°C then there is rapidly introduced in the reaction mass 492.6 g of p-anisidine. Heating is continued with stirring. At 60°C the reaction begins. There is added 200 ml of water then heating is continued and the temperature is maintained for an hour at 80°C. A solution of 260.5 g of potassium cyanide in 500 ml of water is prepared which is introduced in the reaction mass at 70-75°C with rapid stirring. The crystalline sulfonic derivatives disappears rapidly then N-(pmethoxyphenyl)-amino-aceto nitrile forms a second liquid phase which is finely dispersed. After a ½ hour reaction time at 75°C, cooling is carried out and cystallization is begun at

580.7 g of amino nitrile are filtered which melt at 73°C after recrystallizing in toluene.

162.2 g of N - (p - methoxyphenyl) aminoacetonitrile are benzoylated at 20-25° C with 87.5 g of p-chlorobenzoyl chloride dis- 100 solved in 100 ml of toluene. The mixture is agitated for 1 hour at ambient temperature then for 2 hours at 40°C. After filtering the chlorohydrate of the amino-nitrile, the toluene is concentrated to dryness under vacuum. The 105 residue, 135.5 g, consisting of N - (p - methoxyphenyl) - N - (p - chlorobenzoyl) amino acetonitrile does not crystallize.

77.0 g of this product are treated with 350 ml. of 33% concentrated HCl with agita- 110 tion for 1 hour at 70°C. After a reaction time of 10 minutes, a precipitate appears. The same is cooled at 20°C then diluted with 1 litre of water. After crystallization in the refrigerator, 65.7 g of N - (p - methoxyphenyl) - N - (p - chlorobenzoyl) glycine amide are collected, this product melts at 160-162°C

15.9 g of N - (p - methoxyphenyl) - N - (pchlorobenzol) - glycine - amide and 50 g of aqueous solution NaOH 5% are heated at 98—100° and agitated for 5 minutes. After adding of 300 ml water it is kept 10 minutes at 90°C. The solution containing some impurities is then cooled at 20°C and filtered. 125 It is neutralized and acidified at pH2 with 12.3 hydrochloric acid 25%. It is crystallised during 1/2 hour under agitation then placed in

the refrigerator. After filtration 15.6 g are obtained. $F=166.7^{\circ}$ C. A mixing in 150 ml of ether provides 9.2 g of the product. $F=184.5^{\circ}$ C. The latter is recrystallised in 30 ml of absolute ethanol. 7.0 g of N - (p - methoxyphenyl) - N - (p - chlorobenzoyl) - glycine are obtained. $F=186.7^{\circ}$ C, containing some impurities revealed by thin layer chromato-

graphy.

The compounds constituting the invention have been made also with certain substituents other than those hereinbefore enumerated added to the phenyl and benzoyl portion of the nucleus, and, as determined by pharmacological evalution, the toxicity and antiinflammatory activity of the compositions so modified is not materially affected. Such additions to the molecular structure of the inventive concept here disclosed are, therefore,

equivalents of the subject matter sought to be 20

All the starting materials used in the synthesis described herein are known or are readily prepared in manner well known to those skilled in the art.

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Similarly, it is possible to use starting materials having thereon the desired X, Y and R, substituents or else these may be introduced at a subsequent stage of the synthesis, which of the two alternatives is followed will depend on availability of the compounds and other considerations evident to organic chemists.

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Other compounds according to the invention are tabulated below with reference to their preferred mode of synthesis numbered as above:

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Example	Starting material	Methods	Product	MP or other
18	N-(p-methoxyphenyl) glycine	1	N-(p-methoxyphenyl)N-(p-chloroben- zoyl glycine	191°—2°C.
19	N-(p-ethoxyphenyl) glycine	1	N-(p-ethoxyphenyl)N-(p-chlorobenzoyl) glycine	156°—8°C.
20	N-(p-methoxyphenyl) alanine	1	N-(p-methoxyphenyl)N-(p-chloroben- zoyl alanine	154°—6°C.
21	N-(p-ethoxyphenyl) alanine	1	N-(p-ethoxyphenyl)N-(p-chlorobenzoyl) alanine	123°—5°C.
22	N-(p-methoxyphcnyl) glycine ethyl ester	1	N-(p-methoxyphenyl)N-(p-chloroben- zoyl glycine ethylester	67°—8°C.
23	N-(p-ethoxyphenyl) glycine ethyl ester	1	N-(p-cthoxyphenyl)N-(p-chlorobenzoyl) glycine ethyl ester	85° — 7°C.
24	N-(p-methoxyphenyl) alanine ethyl ester	1	N-(p-methoxyphenyl)N-(p-chlorobenzoyl) alanine ethyl ester	E_1 mm HG= 205° - 8° C.
25	Methyl 2-N-(p-ethoxy- phenyl) amino butyrate	1	Methyl 2-N-(p-ethoxyphenyl)N-(p-chloro-benzoyl) amino butyrate	
26	N-(2,4-dimethoxy- phenyl) glycine	1	N-(2,4-dimethoxyphenyl)N-(p-chlorobenzoyl) glycine	
27	N-(3,4-dimethoxy- phenyl) glycine	1	N-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)N-(p-chlorobenzoyl) glycine	173,5°C.— 5°
28	N-(2,4-dimethoxy- phenyl) glycine methyl ester	1	N-(2,4-dimethoxyphenyl)N-(p-chlorobenzoyl) glycine methyl ester	
29	N-(3,4-dimethoxy- phenyl) glycine methyl ester	1	N-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)N-(p-chlorobenzoyl) glycine methyl ester	

Example	Starting material	Methods	Product	MP or other
30	N-(2,4-dimethoxy- phenyl) alanine	1	N-(2,4-dimethoxyphenyl)N-(p-chlorobenzoyl) alanine	
31	N-(3,4-dimethoxy- phenyl) alanine	1	N-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)N-(p-chloro- benzoyl) alanine	
32	N-(2,4-dimethoxy- phenyl) alanine ethyl ester	1	N-(2,4-dimethoxyphenyl)N-(p-chlorobenzoyl) alanine ethyl ester	
33	N-(3,4-dimethoxy- phenyl) alanine ethyl ester	1	N-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)N-(p-chlorobenzoyl) alanine ethyl ester	
34	N-(p-hydroxyphenyl) glycine	4	N-(p-hydroxyphenyl)N-(p-chloroben-zoyl) glycine	197°—9°C.
35	N-(p-hydroxyphenyl) alanine	4	N-(p-hydroxyphenyl)N-(p-chloroben- zoyl alanine	195°—7°C.
36	N-(p-hydroxyphenyl) glycine ethyl ester	4	N-(p-hydroxyphenyl)N-(p-chlorobenzoyl) glycine ethyl ester	148°—50°C
37	N-(p-hydroxyphenyl) alanine ethylester	4	N-(p-hydroxyphenyl)N-(p-chlorobenzoyl) alanine ethyl ester	106°—7°C.
38	N-(p-methoxy- phenyl) glycine	2	N-(p-methoxyphenyl)N-(p-nitro- benzoyl) glycine	161°—2°C.
39		2	N-(p-methoxyphenyl)N-(p-aminobenzoyl) glycine	173°—4°C.
40	N-(p-ethoxyphenyl) glycine	2	N-(p-ethoxyphenyl)N-(p-nitrobenzoyl) glycine	181°—2°C.
41		2	N-(p-ethoxyphenyl)N-(p-aminobenzoyl) glycine	166°—7°C.
42	N-(p-methoxyphenyl) alanine	2	N-(p-methoxyphenyl)N-p-nitrobenzoyl) alanine	130°—2°C.
43		2	N-(p-methoxyphenyl)N-(p-aminobenzoyl) alanine	198°—9°C.
44	N-(p-ethoxyphenyl) alanine	2	N-(p-ethoxyphenyl) N-(p-nitrobenzoyl) alanine	90°—1°C.
45	N-(p-ethoxyphenyl) phenyl alanine	2	N-(p-ethoxyphenyl)-N-(p-aminobenzoyl) alanine	177°—8°C.
46	N-(p-methoxy- phenyl) phenyl glycine	1	N-(p-methoxyphenyl) N-(p-chlorobenzoyl) phenyl glycine	
47	N-(p-ethoxyphenyl) phenyl glycine ethyl ester	1	N-(p-ethoxyphenyl) N-(p-chloro- benzoyl) phenyl glycine ethyl ester	

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Example	Starting material	Methods	Product	MP or other
48	N-(p-methoxy- phenyl) o-tolyl glycine	1	N-(p-methoxyphenyl) N-(p-chlorobenzoyl) o-tolyl glycine	
49	N-(p-ethoxyphenyl) o-tolyl glycine ethylester	1	N-(p-ethoxyphenyl) N-(p-chlorobenzoyl) o-tolyl glycine ethylester	
50	N-(p-ethoxyphenyl) 3-phenyl alanine ethyl ester	1	N-(p-ethoxyphenyl) N-(p-chlorobenzoyl) 3-phenyl alanine ethyl ester	
51	N-(p-methoxyphenyl) cyclopentyl glycine	1	N-(p-methoxyphenyl) N-(p-chlorobenzoyl) cyclopentyl glycine	
52	N-(p-ethoxyphenyl) cyclopentyl glycine ethylester	1	N-(p-ethoxyphenyl) N-(p-chlorobenzoyl) cyclopentyl glycine ethylester	
53	N-(p-methoxyphenyl)- 3-(4'-morpholinyl) alanine	1	N-(p-methoxyphenyl) N-(p-chlorobenzoyl) 3-(4'-morpholinyl) alanine	
54	N-(p-methoxyphenyl)- 3-(2'-thienyl) alanine	1	N-(p-methoxyphenyl) N-(p-chlorobenzoyl) 3-(2'-thienyl) alanine	
55	N-(p-methoxyphenyl)- 3-(4'-methyl 2'-thienyl) alanine	1	N-(p-methoxyphenyl) N-(p-chlorobenzoyl) 3-(4'-methyl 2'-thienyl) alanine	
56	N-(p-methoxyphenyl) glycine phenyl ester	1	N-(p-methoxyphenyl) N-(p-chloro- benzoyl) glycine phenyl ester	
57	N-(p-methoxyphenyl) glycine benzyl ester	1	N-(p-methoxyphenyl) N-(p-chlorobenzoyl) glycine benzyl ester	
5 8	N-(p-methoxyphenyl) amino acetonitrile	8	N-(p-methoxyphenyl) N-(p-chlorobenzoyl) glycine amide	161°2°C.
59	N-(p-methoxyphenyl) glycine ethylester	1	N-(p-methoxyphenyl) N-(p-chloro- benzoyl) glycine diethylamide	
60	N-(p-methoxyphenyl glycine methylester	1	N-(p-methoxyphenyl) N-(p-chloro- benzoyl) glycine morpholide	
61	N-(p-methoxyphenyl) glycine	1	N-(p-methoxyphenyl) N-(p-chloro- benzoyl) sodium glycinate	267°—8°C.
62	N-(p-methoxyphenyl) glycine	1	N-(p-methoxyphenyl) N-(p-sulfamido- benzoyl) glycine	
63	N-(p-methoxyphenyl) alanine ethylester	1	N-(p-methoxyphenyl) N-(p-sulfamido- benzoyl) alanine ethyl ester	
64	N-(p-methoxyphenyl) amino ethyl malonate	5	N-(p-methoxyphenyl) N-(p-chlorobenzoyl) amino ethyl malonate	
65		5	N-(p-methoxyphenyl) N-(p-chlorobenzoyl) amino sodium ethyl malonate	235°—40°C.

PHARMACOLOGICAL PROPERTIES.

Generally speaking the present compounds have a low toxicity the $\rm LD_{50}$ being generally greater than 1g/kg orally and 0.4 g/kg subcutaneously in the mouse.

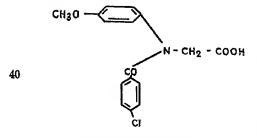
Daily administration of 0.2 k/kg orally does not cause any toxic effects in the rat even after 60 days of continuous treatment. Examination of the viscera does not indicate any anomaly of the various organs studied.

The present compounds diminish or cause the disappearance at varied dosages, of convulsions occasioned in the rat by injection of phenyl-2-benzoquinone-1, 4, according to the procedure described by SIEGMUND, CADMUS and LU, Proc. Soc. Exp. Biol. Med. 1957, 95, 729, as modified by CARROLL and LIMM—Feder. Proc. 1958, 17, 357.

In the test of WOOLFE and McDONALD, J. Pharm. Exp. Therap., 1944, 80, 300, carried out according to the technique of FINGL, OLSEN, HARDING, COCKETT and GOODMAN—J. Pharm. Exp. Therap., 1952, 105, 37, these compounds administered subcutaneously diminish the reaction time of a mouse to the application of a source of heat under its paws.

The anti-inflammatory activity of these compounds is determined by inhibition of oedema and formaline and dextran according to the method of DOMENJOZ and WIL-HEMI—Arzneim. Forsch., 1951, 1, 151, is considerable and exceeds in many cases the effects of phenyl-butazone.

A representative compound of this series which is selected by way of example is N-(p-methoxy - phenyl) - N - (p - chlorobenzoyl)-glycine.



PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS.

The above named compound is slightly coloured and melts at 192°C (uncorrected)

and is soluble in various organic solvents, alcohol, ether, ethyl acetate.

This compound has a maximum U.V. absorption at $\frac{\lambda}{\text{max}} = 227.5$ mu, in alcoholic

solution, with $E_{1 \text{ cm}}^{1\%} = 580$, which facilitates its identification and its dosage in unit dosage forms.

In the case of \$\alpha\$-amino acid derivatives having more than two carbon atoms there occurs optical isomerism and the product obtained by the total synthesis is racemic. The different activities observed with these compounds can be due partly to this fact. Isolation of one of the optical forms (d- or l-) leads to an increase of this activity.

PHARMACOLOGICAL ACTIVITY OF PREFERRED COMPOUND.

Toxicity.

1) Acute toxicity
a) orally in the rate the administration of a single dose of 1 g per kg does not cause death. Administration must be repeated for 2 or 3 days to cause the death of certain animals.

b) Subcutaneously a single dose of 540 mg/kg causes the death of 50% of the animals within 24 hours after injection.

2) Sub-acute toxicity

The daily chronic administration of the compound for a month was effected on male Wistar rats. With an oral dosage of 400 mg/kg/day no mortality was noted in animals.

With a subcutaneous injection at a dosage of 200 mg/kg/day and 300 mg/kg/day the compound caused the death of no animals after a daily treatment carried out for three weeks.

Upon autopsy no macroscopic alteration of the different organs was detectable. Mice treated each day with 200 mg/kg orally did not show any signs of intoxication for 60 days

ANTI-INFLAMMATORY ACTIVITY.

This activity was tested by using the inhibition of oedema to formaline and by comparing with known anti-inflammatory compounds. Results were obtained on a series of 10 rats;

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Treatment	Type of administration	Increase in volume of the paw as a per cent of initial volume
0		34.4%
Compound of the invention 173 mg/kg	Single administration orally	12.3%
Compound of the invention 131 mg/kg	Single oral administration	19%
Monophenyl butazone 138 mg/kg	Single administration orally	22.8%
Cortisone 10 mg/kg	Three days intramuscularly	14.8%

ADMINSTRATION.

The claimed compounds have been administered orally as capsules coated tablets or pills obtained by mixing the active ingredient with the usual excipients. Generally the concentration of the active principle is of 100—200 mg per unit dosage form.

In certain cases of pre-existing gastric 10 intolerance the compound suitably may be

used in its sodium salt form.

Where it is desired to use the active compounds as suppositories, a liposoluble derivative such as butyl ester may be used.

The present compounds also can be injected in the form of, for example, a 10% solution of their sodium salts.

They may also be administered as a syrup (10%) or as a suspension.

20 Dosage.

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The effective dosage of the compounds of the invention depends upon the severity, the stage, and the individual characteristics of each case and will be determined by the attending physician. In the following examples of clinical cases various dosages are indicated by way of example.

CLINICAL OBSERVATIONS OF ANTALGIC AND ANTI-INFLAMMATORY PROPERTIES.

Aniaigic	properties	
Number	of cases studied	20
Results:	very good	10
	good	
	inconclusive	6

It should be noted that many of these 35 patients had not been sedated by treatment with salicylates.

Anti-Inflammatory Effects		
Number of cases	15	
Disappearance of oedema	8	40
Improvement in mobility	10	
Inconclusive results	5	

The compound does not give arise to side effects. Where gastric problems arise they are eliminated by replacing the free acid by its sodium salt.

CONCLUSIONS.

Favourable results have been obtained by using a posology of 600 mg per day of active compound using six 100 mg capsules taken two at a time three times a day.

Preferably the capsules are taken with alkaline water.

The antalgic effects appear very rapidly after taking the medicaments and maintain themselves for an important lapse of time.

Inflammatory oedema dissappears after a few days of treatment.

The foregoing pharmacological results were confirmed clinically, representative clinical histories being as follows:

A 15 year old female had cephalic disturbances, urine incontinency, personality troubles evolving from the age of 7 with relapse at the age of 13 and pains in the 65 joints with chronic rheumatism attacks.

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1—Upon examination were noted:

- a) Choretic syndromes
- with predominant lack of motor coordination in the upper members
- sphincterial and balance troubles and personality troubles
- b) Arthritic syndrome
- spontaneous pain occasioned by the joints, especially the shoulders of the type periarthritis and scapulohumeral with irradiation in the nape of the neck and in the hands especially at night.
- Inflammatory oedema.
- Stiffening without lessening of active and passive mobility.
- c) Biological examination Antistreptolysine 680 u. 15 VS: 1 h 20 mins 24 hours 46 mins.

This patient was treated with three capsules of 300 mg/24h five days a week for two months together with vitamin B. The pain was rapidly sedated in particular with respect to the arthritic syndrome and the joints became less stiff and the inflammatory oedema disappeared. The choreo-athetosic condition improved. After two months of treament the chronic rheumatismal condition and the neuro-muscular condition improved spectacu-

larly.

A 50 year old male complained of painful attacks of the sciatalgic type. Upon examination were noted signs of spondylarthritis of the ankylosis type which had gone on, according to the patient, for 25 years. Also noted was a total rigidity of the spine and ankylosis of the costo-vertebral joints and sacro-iliaccyphosis together with periostosis of the iliac crests with diffuse osteoporosis. Also noted were pains in the left hip area with projection to the back side of the thigh. Similarly were noted lumbar pain projecting to the left thigh and aggravated by coughing and manual pressure. The reflexes and physical sensitivity were normal. The biological indicia noted were a

mg/24 hours. This patient was given 3 capsules of 300 mg/24 hours for six months. There was noted a progressive improvement of the painful symptoms, in particular in the lower limbs. No noteworthy modifications were noted in the spondylarthritic syndrome. However the sciatalgic syndromes were so improved that the patient was able to resume work.

normal hemogram of 17 ceto being 11.4

A female of 65 complained of headaches, asthenia and pain in the joints. Upon examination there was noted a considerable plethora of polyarthritic rheumatism which had worsened over the years to a type of gout,

The patient also complained of pain in the joints which were not managed by any steroids or sedatives. These pains were principally in the shoulder the nape of the neck and the hips. Functional troubles including stiffness and great difficulty in moving the head as well as the upper and lower limbs as well as acrodysesthesia of the fingers.

X-rays showed a generalized arthrosis in particular in the shoulder, the hips and in the cervical column. Biological examination showed a normal hemogram and uric acid at 0.03 g/l. This patient was administered 600 mg/24 hours for three weeks and then 300 mg for six weeks. At the end of this treatment the patient was able to freely move her head without any trapezian pain. Considerable improvement was noted in the active and passive movements of the upper and lower limbs in particular with respect to bending and rotation and since the acroparesthesia of the fingers had disappeared the patient was able to once again work around her home.

WHAT WE CLAIM IS:—

1. A compound having a molecular structure in which there is attached to the nitrogen atom of an \alpha-aminoacid, both a phenyl and a benzoyl radical.

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2. Compounds having the formula:

benzoyl) - glycine ethyl ester.

8. N - (p - methoxyphenyl) - N - (p)chlorowhere R1 is H, alkyl, aryl, alkylaryl, arylalkyl, 25 benzoyl) - alanine ethyl ester. hydroxyalkyl, cycloalkyl or heterocyclic; a 9. N - (p - ethoxyphenyl) - N - (p)chlorocarboxylic group, or a salified or esterified benzoyl) - alanine ethyl ester. 10. N - (p - methoxyphenyl) - N - (pcarboxylic group. R₂ is OH, O-alkyl, O-aryl, O-alkylaryl, O-cycloalkyl, heterocyclic, amino, dialkylnitrobenzoyl) - glycine. 11. N - (p - methoxyphenyl) - N - (p-aminobenzoyl) - glycine. amino, O-arylalkyl, or OM where M is an alkali metal or alkaline earth metal, 12. N - (p - ethoxyphenyl) - N - (p-X and Y are the same or different and are nitrobenzoyl) - alanine. 10 H, OH, OR1, alkyl, aryl, halogen, amino, 13. N - (p - ethoxyphenyl) - N - (p - amino-)nitro sulfonic or sulfonamido; as well as the 35 benzoyl) - glycine. 14. N - (p - hydroxyphenyl) - N - (p--l and -d isomeric forms and racemic mixtures thereof. chlorobenzoyl) - glycine ethyl ester. 3. N - (p - methoxyphenyl) - N - (p-15. N - (p - hydroxyphenyl) - N - (p-chlorobenzoyl) alanine ethyl ester. 15 chlorobenzoyl) - glycine. 4. N - (p - ethoxyphenyl) - N - (p - chloro-)16. A therapeutic composition containing a benzoyl) glycine.

5. N - (p - methoxyphenyl) - N - (p-chlorobenzoyl) - alanine. compound as defined in claim 1 or 2 together with an inert, pharmaceutically acceptable liquid or solid carrier. 6. N - (p - methoxy - phenyl) - N - (p-BUGNION & CO., chlorobenzoyl) - glycine ethyl ester. 110, Kennington Road, London S.E.11, 7. N - (p - ethoxyphenyl) - N - (p - chloro-)Agents for the Applicants.

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